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SUBJECT: PRESS SPECULATION ON PURPOSE OF SECRETARY'S  
TRIP TO PEKING

1. MINISTER CHEN, DCM OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA EMBASSY, CALLED ON ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY HUMMEL TODAY TO SEEK CLARIFICATION OF PRESS REPORTS THAT THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE SECRETARY'S FORTHCOMING TRIP TO PEKING WAS TO DISCUSS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FULL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE PRC. CHEN COMMENTED THAT THE EMBASSY HAD RECEIVED NO INSTRUCTIONS TO SEEK SUCH CLARIFICATION BUT WISHED TO ADD AN AUTHORITATIVE COMMENT FROM THE DEPARTMENT TO A REPORT TO TAIPEI ON THE PRESS ACCOUNT. HUMMEL ASSURED CHEN THAT THESE PRESS REPORTS WERE PURELY SPECULATIVE AND THAT THE US HAD NO SUCH PLAN. HE ADDED THAT WE HAD TOLD THE ROC THAT WE WOULD ALWAYS INFORM THEM IN ADVANCE OF ANY SIGNIFICANT CHANGES. HE NOTED THAT THE STORY HAD BEEN CATEGORICALLY DENIED BY MCCLOSKEY.

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2. CHEN THEN NOTED THAT WE WERE NOT KEEPING THE ROC

EMBASSY INFORMED OF THE SUBSTANCE OF OUR CONVERSATIONS WITH THE PRC LIAISON OFFICE. HUMMEL REPLIED THAT HE DID NOT BELIEVE IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR US TO DO SO SINCE WE DO NOT DISCUSS WITH THE PRC LIAISON OFFICE CONVERSATIONS WE HAVE WITH THE ROC EMBASSY. CHEN RESPONDED THAT IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT WHEN THE PRC LIAISON OFFICE WAS

ESTABLISHED, WE HAD TOLD THE ROC EMBASSY WE WOULD BRIEF THEM FROM TIME TO TIME AS WE HAD DONE DURING THE WARSAW TALKS. HUMMEL REPLIED THAT HE DID NOT RECALL OUR MAKING SUCH A COMMITMENT BUT SAID THAT IF CHEN COULD TELL HIM WHO HAD GIVEN SUCH AN ASSURANCE, WE WOULD FOLLOW UP. RUSH

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